

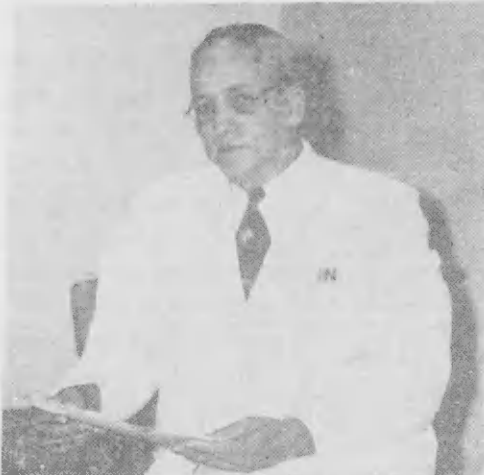
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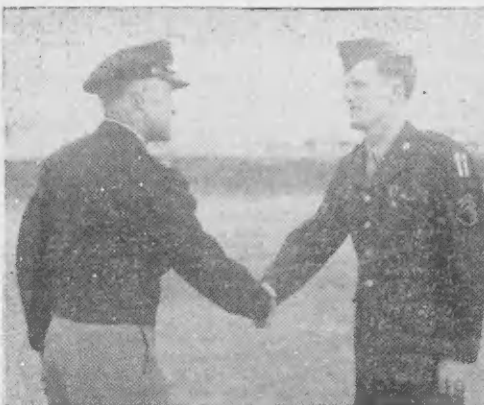
A journalistic visitor early in January was Jose Gabriel Aldebot, above, editor and owner of the magazine "Souvenir" at Ciudad Trujillo, Santo Domingo. He was here collecting material for a forthcoming special issue of his magazine, all of which will be devoted to Aruba, with a portion about Lago. Mr. Aldebot was much impressed with Aruba's development and with the Company's place in the community.

Na cuminzaemento di Januari nos tabatin un bi-shita periodistico, esta Sr. José Gabriel Aldebot riba e portret aki. Sr. Aldebot ta editor y donjo di e revista "Souvenir" di Ciudad Trujillo na Santo Domingo. El a bini Aruba pa colectá material pa un número especial di e revista, henteramente dedicá na Aruba, cu un parti over di Lago. Sr. Aldebot tabata mashá impresioná di Aruba su desarrollo y di e puesto cu Lago tin don e comunidad.

Looking none the worse for his four years in a prison camp after his ship was sunk by a German raider, Captain James Anderson poses for his picture in San Nicolas harbor. For story of his adventures see page 3.



The Bronze Star Medal was presented to S. Sgt. Donald Russell in a ceremony in Shanghai recently. Don, since discharged from the Army, has just returned to Aruba with his wife to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell. He plans to return to college in the States.



Old-Timer Retires From L.O.F. After Sixteen Years Service

James David at last has his chance to settle down, smoke his pipe and look after his chickens. He retired from work last month at the age of 65.

In his early years he worked on a sugar plantation in Grenada, B. W. I. then spent 21 years in Trinidad working as a horse and buggy driver and later as a bus conductor. He got his start in oil refining in Venezuela where he worked firing boilers in the oil fields there.

Mr. David came to Aruba in October, 1928 and a short time later went to work for the Company. He started as a fireman on the small stills in the Light Oils Finishing area. Later he was a janitor in the Light Oils Office, and then a janitor in the Gasoline Pump-house Office. When he retired he was in charge of filling butane cylinders.

Upon his retirement he was presented with a check by the Company and a scroll by the Light Oils personnel.

He intends to remain in Aruba for a short while, then visit his home in Grenada, which he has not seen in 43 years. Eventually he plans to live at St. Vincent, his wife's home.

"Aruba" Takes Part In Battle for Balikpapan

A "Believe It or Not" is the surprising revelation that the good ship "Aruba" helped bombard the Balikpapan Refinery in Borneo before Allied forces took it away from the Japs.

The story comes from J. P. Wiley, a recent new employee in T. S. D., who was a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy and navigator of the U. S. S. **Denver** during the war.

As he tells it:
"This is one of those Now it can be told stories.

One of my last combatant assignments in the Navy prior to the end of the war with Japan was at Balikpapan in Dutch Borneo in June 1945. It was the mission of our task group, consisting of two U. S. light cruisers and several destroyers, to bombard enemy positions in and around the town of Balikpapan and the Balikpapan oil refinery, to cover the operation of minesweepers preparatory to a landing by Australian troops under the overall command of General MacArthur. It was a two weeks job from the 15th of June until the landing on July 1. Several times our minesweepers were fired on by shore batteries necessitating almost continuous neutralizing fire on our part during the daylight hours.

Some of the Japanese positions were in, or adjacent to the large oil refinery, part of which is built on the top of a hill on Balikpapan peninsula and was in clear view of our gunners, as also was a large part of the tank farm. Naturally, damage to the remaining oil installations could not be avoided and several fires were started which were visible far out to sea when we retired from the area at night.

And now for the point of the story. During the course of the bombardment we were joined for a period of ten days by the Dutch light cruiser, H.N.M.S. **Tromp**, and later by the Australian cruisers **Shropshire** and **Hobart**, making it a really international squadron.

Under the conditions of modern naval warfare, the old methods of signaling between ships such as flag hoist, blinker, or even dot and dash radio transmission are too slow in the heat of battle, particularly with ships of different navies that are operating together for the first time. Accordingly voice radio is used almost exclusively for tactical signals and is the only method used at night. In order not to disclose the identity of the ships of our force, each ship, each unit, and each unit commander is given a code name. My own ship, the U.S.S. **Denver**, had various code names during the war such as 'Razor', 'Privateer', and 'Ornery'.

Now when the **Tromp** arrived on the scene, there was no code name for her in the U.S. Navy call book so one had to be selected. I don't know who selected the name but in any case I thought it quite appropriate when the H.N.M.S. **Tromp** became 'Aruba' in all voice radio transmissions, 'Aruba' contributed materially in reducing enemy positions prior to the landing and assisted twice in repulsing night air attacks. We enjoyed working with the **Tromp** during that brief period. Never failing to catch a signal, she would reply promptly "This is Aruba, roger, out."

DON'T TRUST THAT SOUVENIR

SEE PAGE 2. COLUMN 1.



Holland Vrij! It was a great day when this was proclaimed, and one of the ways of commemorating the long-awaited event was this tile, a copy of which was recently brought back from the Netherlands by Dr. J. van Ogtrop. The tile, which is in attractive colors, shows the Netherlands Ship of State in full sail. In the background the Orange sun is driving away the German eagle (seen at top edge of the sky). The scene is surrounded by the Netherlands seal and those of the eleven provinces.

Holanda Libre! Tabata un dia grandi, dia cu esaki a worde proclamá y un di e modanan pa conmemorá e dia tan anhelá, tabata e azulejo aki, di cual Dr. J. Van Ogtrop a trece un copia di Holanda recientemente. E azulejo cu ta di colornan atractivo ta muestra e Barco di Estado Holandes bela yen. Patras di dje e solo Oranje ta corre cu e gabilán Aleman (mas ariba den laria). Rondo di e escena aki e azulejo ta dorná cu e sellonan Holandes y esnan di e 11 provincianan.

Museum Writes Lago Girl About Odd Local Snake

If you should see a **Crotalus unicolor** wandering about you some day it would be a good idea if you got out of the vicinity in a hurry. On the other hand, there might be ten dollars in it for you.

Russ Ewing of T.S.D. and Maude Thomas of the School started a long chain of circumstances recently when they almost stepped on one near the Sea Grape grove one day. Since **Crotalus unicolor** is a species of rattlesnake peculiar to Aruba, they jumped back in a hurry, after which Russ knocked its head off with a machete, and brought it back to the Colony. Maude Thomas took it to the School as a curiosity and Connie Gritte saw it. Connie was interested by its singular lack of color and absence of markings; so she wrote a letter to the American Museum of Natural History in New York asking if there was anything of interest connected with this particular snake. The letter she received in return rewarded her curiosity considerably. It told her that the rattler in question was a special one, being found only on Aruba and that a live specimen might be worth ten dollars to the Museum.

The letter went on to state, "... that these white rattlesnakes on Aruba may have evolved the white coloration because of its protective value on the white coral sand inhabited... Aruba rattlesnake has greyish and blackish eyes indicating that it is not an albino type but a distinct insular species. You may be interested to know of almost 50 different kinds of rattlesnake only three, including the Aruba species, are known south of Panama."

Connie's scientific interest doesn't stop at snakes; recently a New York paper commented on her report about the moon's eclipse November 18.

Eclipsed moons and "albino" snakes — they're all part of the daily round to Connie.

"Aruba" a Tuma Parti Den Batalla di Balik Papan

E vapor "Aruba" a yuda bombardiá e refinariá di Balikpapan na Borneo promé cu fuerzanan Aliado a kité for di Japonésan.

Esun cu ta conta esaki ta J. P. Wiley, un empleado nobo cu tabata Lieutenant Commander den Marino Americano durante di guerra.

E ta sigui conta asina:

"Un di mi ultimo misionnan di combate den Marino promé cu fin di geurra cu Japon, tabata na Balikpapan den Borneo Holandes na Juni di 1945.

Tabata mision di nos grupo di combate, cu tabata consistí di nos cruzero Americano y varios destroyer, di bombardiá posicionnan di enemigo den y rond di stad y e refinaria di petroleo di Balikpapan, pa protegá trabao di dragaminanan pa prepará bahamento di tropanan di Australia, bao di comando di General McArthur.

Durante curso di e bombardamento e cruzero Holandes "Tromp" a uni cu nos pa 10 dia.

Bao di condicionnan di guerra naval moderno, e modanan bieuw di señalá entre vapornan cu bandera, cende y paga di luz y hasta transmisión telegráfico mes ta mucho poco-poco den furor di batalla, especialmente ora vapornan di diferente Marino ta traha hunto pa promé bez. Pesey nos ta usa radio semper. Pa enemigo no por identificá nos barconan, cada un tabatin un bijnaam. A socede cu ora "Tromp" a bini no tabatin ningun bijnaam pe den boeki y mester a busca un number pe. Mi no sa ta ken a proponé, pero mi a haya cu tabata un idea masha bon ora cu Tromp a haya e bijnaam di "Aruba" den transmisionnan di radio. "Aruba" a contribui materialmente den reducimento di posicionnan di enemigo promé cu bahamento na tera y a yuda dos biaha pa stop ataquenan aéreo den anochi. Nos a goza di traha cu "Tromp" durante e tempo cortico ey. Nunca e tabata laga un señal pasa voorbij, contestando semper "Esaki ta Aruba, tur cos ta O.K."

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SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

Occasionally in conversation when someone mentions a third person, that person may unexpectedly appear soon afterward. Then someone is likely to say "Speak of the Devil and he shows up".

It seems the **Esso News** "Spoke of the Devil" in the last issue, when we published a picture of a rusted bomb found on the beach, together with a warning against meddling with such relics of war. Only a few days later an Acid Plant employee narrowly escaped losing an eye or possibly his life by failing to heed the warning.

At the request of a friend, he was filling an empty 50 caliber cartridge with lead, for use as a paperweight. The shell was supposedly empty; however, the primer that sets off the main powder charge had never been taken out. When the molten metal made it explode, the four-inch-long shell, now heavy with lead, blasted off the bench and struck the leadburner in the forehead only half an inch from his eyes. By a miracle he was not seriously hurt, but the blow, which was hard enough to bend the brass lip of the shell could have destroyed his eye or even killed him.

A similar accident in one of the Company's U.S. refineries last month had more tragic results. The son of an employee was playing with a "war souvenir" — the same type of shell that caused the accident here, only with the powder and projectile still in the casing. This shell went off, and the innocent "souvenir" blew the boy's hand completely off and destroyed one of his father's eyes.

Practically all munitions, from the smallest cartridge to the biggest shell or bomb, are made to kill or maim human beings. That they succeed is one of the tragedies of war. But no less tragic are the results when peacetime civilians handle them unwisely.

Don't be foolish. The only safe shell, loaded or empty, is one that is being left strictly alone

PAPIA DI DIABEL, BO TA TRAPA RIBA SU RABO !

Asina un proverbio ta bisa. Parce cu Esso News a papia di diabel den e ultimo número, ora cu nos a publicá portret di un bom rustu cu nan a haya na canto di lamar, cu un spiertamento acerca pa no mors cu sorto di cosnan asina. Solamente algun dia despues un empleado di Acid Plant a hera di perde su bista of hasta su bida mes, pasobra e no a tuma e spiertamento na serio.

Riba pidimento di un amigo e tabata yena un cartuchi bashí cu lood, pa traha un paparweight di dje. E cartuchi tabata parce bashí, pero e tiki polver mas abao, cu ta pega e resto di polver den e cartuchi, tabata aden ainda. Ora cu e metal gesmelt a poné explotá, e cartuchi di 4 duim di largo a bula dal e homber na su frenta, mei duim for di su wowo. Pa milagro e no a worde gravemente heridá, pasobra e explosión cu tabata basta fuerte pa dobla rand di e cartuchi, por a bien distribí su wowo of hasta maté mes.

Un desgracia mas o menos mescos a pasa na un di e refinarianan di Compania na Merca luna pasá y cu resultadonan mas trágico. Jioe homber di un empleado tabata hunga cu un „souvenir di guerra" — mescos cu esun cu a causá e desgracia aki, pero e polver y e proyectiel tabata den ainda. El a explotá y e „souvenir" inocente a bula e mucha su man afor henteramente y a distribí un wowo di su tata.

Casi tur munición ta trahá pa mata of destrui hende. Cu esaki ta logra ta un di e tragedianan di guerra. Pero no menos trágico ta e resultadonan ora cu den tempo di paz civilnan ta usanan sin sa drechi di nan.

No descuidá. E modá di mas sigur ta di laga cosnan cu bo no sa ta kico para keto na nan lugar.

Departmental Reporters

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|----------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| Simon Coronel | ***** | Hospital |
| Bipat Chand | ***** | Storehouse |
| Sattaur Bacchus | ***** | Instrument |
| Gordon Ollivierre | ***** | Electrical |
| Luciano Wever | ***** | Labor |
| Menwey Hirschfeld | ***** | Marine Office |
| Simon Geerman | ***** | Drydock |
| Iphil Jones | ***** | Receiving & Shipping |
| Erskine Anderson | ***** | Acid & Edeleannu |
| Sam Viapree | ***** | L. O. F. |
| Fernando da Silva | ***** | Pressure Stills |
| Bertie Viapree | ***** | C.T.R. & Field Shops |
| Hugo de Vries | ***** | T.S.D. Offices |
| Pedro Odor | ***** | Accounting |
| Mrs. Ivy Butts | ***** | Powerhouse 1 & 2 |
| Jacinto de Kert | ***** | Laboratories 1 & 2 |
| Henry Nassy | ***** | Laboratory 3 |
| Harold Wathey | ***** | Lago Police |
| Mrs. M. A. Mongroo | ***** | Esso & Lago Clubs |
| Elsa Mackintosh | ***** | Dining Halls (3) |
| Eric Crichtow | ***** | Hydro-Alky |
| Thomas Leverock | ***** | Gas & Poly Plants |
| Calvin Hassell | ***** | M. & C. Office |
| Federico Ponson | ***** | Masons & Insulators |
| Thomas Larmonie | ***** | Carpenter & Paint |
| Edgar Connor | ***** | Machine Shop |
| Mario Marns | ***** | Blacksmith, Boiler & Tin |
| Cade Abraham | ***** | Pipe |
| Jan Oduber | ***** | Welding |
| John Francisco | ***** | Colony Commissary |
| Jose La Cruz | ***** | Plant Commissary |
| Vanisha Vanterpool | ***** | Laundry |
| Ricardo van Blaricum | ***** | Colony Service Office |
| Claude Boink | ***** | Colony Shops |
| Hubert Ecury | ***** | Garage |

(Stars after a name indicate that that reporter has turned in a tip for this issue).



Above appear ten more of the ESSO NEWS' Plant reporters. They are: top row: Iphil Jones of R. & S., Gordon Ollivierre of Electrical; second row: Simon Coronel of the Hospital, Ricardo van Blaricum of Colony Service Administration, Edgar Connor of the Machine Shop; third row: Calvin Hassell of the M. & C. Office, Erskine Anderson of the Acid Plant, Bertie Viapree, of the Central Tool Room and Field Mechanists; bottom row: Eric Crichtow of Hydro-Alky, Thomas Larmonie of the Carpenter and Paint Department. Pictures of more reporters will appear in the next issue of the ESSO NEWS.

Long Service Awards

January, 1946

10-Year Buttons

Pedrito P. Wilson
Cecil R. Brown
Peter A. Nicolaas
James N. Patrick
Cornelis J. Noguera
Joseph Oduber
Julian Webb
Izaak De Cuba
Simeon Thysen
Casilio Lacle
Hubert Chance

Dining Hall
Golf Club
Marine Office
Dry Dock
Marine Wharves
Welding
Bldg. & Maint.
Rec. & Shipping.
L.O.F.
L.O.F.
Pressure Stills

20-Year Buttons

Johan Schwengle

Stewards

Johan Schwengle, of the Stewards Department, received his twenty year button on January 25. His service at Lago dates from 1925, when he came to work as a laborer and worked in various parts of the plant. Previous to that he had worked for some time in the sugar industry in Cuba. In 1935 he was transferred from the Labor Department to the Stewards Department where he is now employed.

NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Salvador, to Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Webb, January 1.
A daughter, Rita Grace, to Mr. and Mrs. Nelitus van Vollevelde, January 2.
A daughter, Gladys Marjorie, to Mr. and Mrs. Anibal Croes, January 2.
A son, Robert Doheny, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, January 3.
A daughter, Mary Grace, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter McDonald, January 3.
A son, Russel Tripot, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Noel, January 3.
A daughter, Daisy Aurora Rigoberta, to Mr. and Mrs. Porfillo Croes, January 4.
A daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. John Gomes, January 4.
A son, Toribio, to Mr. and Mrs. Andres Webb, January 6.
A son, Jacinto Luciano, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Wever, January 7.
A son, Severino, to Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Vrolijk, January 7.
A son, Freddy Adolf, to Mr. and Mrs. Gustaaf Van Charante, January 9.
A daughter, Jean Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hastic, January 9.
A son, Vincent Leonel, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Labega, January 10.
A son, Clifford Isidore, to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Bentham, January 13.
A daughter, Anne Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Sjaw-A-Kiam, January 15.
A daughter, Prime Elinde, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gibson, January 15.
A son, David Emmanuel, to Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Gannot, January 16.
A son, Bruce Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Charles, January 17.
A daughter, Bertha Bernadeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Thayne Campbell, January 17.
A son, Max Cardinal, to Mr. and Mrs. Alexis Gumbs, January 18.
A son, Joshua Ethelbert, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Matheson, January 19.
A daughter, Marie Jennifer, to Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, January 19.
A son, Willem, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Lugthart, January 19.
A daughter, Bonnie, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther M. Brewer, January 19.
A daughter, Eleina Carolina, to Mr. and Mrs. Julio Maduro, January 20.
A son, Lennox Keith Oswald, to Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Nurse, January 20.
A daughter, Agnes Ras, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ras, January 21.
A son, Ines, to Mr. and Mrs. Estanislao Winterdaal, January 21.
A son, Midiel Berisford, to Mr. and Mrs. John Saitch, January 21.

Levelman Hits Jackpot Coining His Overtime-Leveling Idea

Many people have wrestled with the making of a new shift schedule since the operating men went on a 48-hour week last November. Every solution, though, favored some groups with overtime at the expense of others. It remained for Egbert Tjin-Kam-Jet,



a levelman on No. 8 Rerun, to come up with a schedule that distributes overtime evenly among all the groups, and his excellent plan brought him a fat Coin Your Ideas award January 21. His ingenuity in working out the new system was worth Fls 100 to him in guilder notes presented by K. E. Repath of Light Oils Finishing.

With the top award of Fls. 25 going to Harry Mills for suggesting the installation of a cross connection to simplify bypassing PCAR distillate - GAR-1 to LEAR, the "CYI" awards for December totalled Fls. 75.

Other awards were: to Stanley Gouveia, Fls. 15, install platforms at sphere tanks Nos. 708, 709, 772, 773, and 775; to George Tweddle Fls. 20, issue wage statements to employees of the Lake Tanker fleet; to M. C. Richardson Fls. 15, install a funnel under the bleeders on the waste heat boilers conditioner steam inlet rings at PCAR.

DEATHS

James Duinkerck of the Pipe Department, on January 4, at the age of 31. He had been an employee since July 13, 1945. He is survived by his brother, Ruford Duinkerck of the Welding Department.

Rollo Linkogle of the Labor Department, on January 17, at the age of 41. He was first employed on the Pressure Stills as a second class helper September 10, 1930, and had been in the Labor Department continuously since February, 1942. He was a participant in the Thrift Plan. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

From St. Vincent to his brother here came a cable that Lionel Glynn, who was a mechanics helper at Lago, had died on January 4. Lionel worked for the Company from 1930 to 1945.

Victim of "Gneisenau" Here After Four Years In German Prison Camp

Barbed wire, monotonous food, rough guards and endless countings of noses are no longer the troubles of Captain James Anderson of the Shell tanker "Standella". Seated in his comfortable quarters aboard his ship, Captain Anderson recently recounted the amazing story of his sinking and capture by the Germans in the early part of the war.

On March 15, 1941, 500 miles west of the Azores, the "Gneisenau", one of the Germans' famed pocket-battle-ship raiders, sighted the Captain's tanker, the "Simnia" and prepared to sink her. Fortunately the tanker was not loaded and as the raider started shelling, Captain Anderson and his crew were able to get away. Had the vessel been carrying oil the Captain said he wouldn't be alive today. After taking 150 rounds the "Simnia" sank and the survivors were taken aboard the raider, which at that time was working with another prowler, the "Scharnhorst". Assisting in the operations were the tankers "Altmark" and "Nordmark".

When the "Gneisenau" finally put in at Brest, France, several weeks later, the Captain and the rest of the prisoners were marched through practically every street in the city and were eventually put in barracks where they were kept for two more weeks. On one cold and rainy morning the men were taken out and soaked. When this had been accomplished they were marched to some cattle trucks into which they were jammed, 38 to a truck. After each had been given two tins of bully beef, two loaves of bread and a pail of water, the doors were locked and sealed and the prisoners were kept there for five days. Later the German Red Cross came and gave them a little soup. But they had no utensils and had to wait until some of the men had emptied their water pails to use them for the soup. At length the group was taken to Sandbostel where Captain Anderson was kept from May, 1941 to February, 1942. The stay at Sandbostel was monotonous but the Captain said that there was no loss of morale during the whole time he was imprisoned.

From Sandbostel the party was taken to a large naval prisoner of war camp, Marlag and Milag Nord. It was here that the prisoners organized thoroughly to fight monotony, boredom, and loss of morale. Horse races and dog races were the big pastimes, using wooden animals with dice supplying the motive power. Sports of all kinds were played, and Cricket, Rugger and Football rated the highest. Organizations were formed to administer what funds there were and to organize further amusements.

The Captain said that next to sports the most popular diversion was the producing of shows. They were done with tremendous zeal and were always near-professional jobs. He said the costumes were rented from nearby theaters and that shows of the caliber of "Rose Marie", "The Student Prince" and the "Mikado" were produced.

Another of the big sports seemed to be the bribing of the German guards, who were ready to sell anything they owned or could lay their hands on for money or chocolate. Since one or the other nearly always was available the men could get many things which were ordinarily forbidden. Captain Anderson said that the only drink of liquor he had during the four years of his incarceration was obtained by bribing the commandant of the camp with a bar of chocolate. The direct result of bribery was 150 radios in the camp. These were built by imprisoned radio men with parts smuggled in by bribed guards. The sets were the only means of getting the news, to which the men listened avidly. Each day all 150 of the sets were tuned to the various

"We got lost once but mom won't lose us again". And from the look in "mom's" eye she won't either. Held by Virginia Barnes of the Laundry, the mother cat is keeping a close watch on her young ones, which were accidentally sent to the Hospital with a load of laundry when they were a few days old but were later recovered.

The first women in the history of Aruba Ezzo Post No. 1 to be initiated as members of the American Legion are shown here receiving instruction in Democracy from Senior Vice-Commander Tonkinson. They were inducted in a formal initiation ceremony on January 23 at the Legion's new Home, the former Navy officers club. (The Home itself was formally "initiated" with a grand opening January 26.) The feminine additions to the Post are, left to right, Frances Macdonald, Helen Paul, and Salome Kux who joined at the same time as her husband, Rudy Kux, Sergeant-at-Arms Sam Evans stands behind them. In the background, Post Commander James Faris stands before a reproduction of the famous flag-raising scene on Iwo Jima. Other new members were P. Hollyfield, R. Bowman, H. Timperman, H. Gaba, F. Hill, E. Orr, J. Clute, G. Echolson, F. Eichhorn, M. MacCaleb.



news broadcasts; these were copied, then brought to a central barracks where the news was edited. Every evening the items gathered in this way were read to all the men.

The prisoners had considerable printing done by the bribery method. This included some very pretty colored programs for the theatricals, and also diplomas awarded to men who had performed outstanding service while in the camps.

The Captain was the proud possessor of several of these diplomas having been an officer in several of the various committees and organizations which were active there.

The change in attitude of the German captors was remarkable, the Captain related, as the day of liberation grew closer. It was a transition from gruff discipline to concern for their captives' welfare.

The 8,300 men in the camp were freed by the 51st Division of Scotch-Irish Guards on April 30, 1945, and Captain Anderson arrived home in England on May 7.

His employers made him staff captain on one of their ships to give him a chance to recuperate from his long internment, after which on November 13 he took command of the "Standella" and is on his first trip with her. His next stop was to be Dakar, West Africa.

**REPORTING an ACCIDENT
HAZARD NOW
WILL SAVE AN
ACCIDENT REPORT
LATER**



Colony Elections Conducted

Two elections were held on January 10 and 11 and new members were elected to the Ezzo Club Advisory Committee and the Lago Colony Advisory Committee.

Elected to the Ezzo Club Advisory Committee as family-housing status members were Dr. R. F. Brace, R. H. Engle, L. S. McReynolds, F. C. Lynch, W. P. Eagan, J. Upp and J. R. Proterra. The single-housing status members elected were J. Walker, P. V. Wertenberger, and Miss Etta Williamson.

Elected to the Lago Colony Advisory Committee as family-housing status members were E. F. McCoart, Dr. J. M. B. van Ogtrop, N. L. Holland, C. C. Dunlap, and J. O. Hagerman. The single-housing status members were H. J. Baker and G. E. Viele.

Carried by an overwhelming majority was the proposal to elect a portion of each committee for a two-year term. By this procedure, newly-elected committees will always benefit by the experience of members who have previously served.

Several of the newly-added holidays which bring the annual total to nine (as announced last month) are on dates which change from year to year. For the benefit of readers who may wish to save the schedule for future reference, the complete list is reproduced below, with the dates in effect in 1946.

| | |
|------------------|-------------|
| New Year's Day | January 1 |
| Good Friday | April 19 |
| Easter Monday | April 22 |
| Liberation Day | May 5 |
| Ascension Day | May 30 |
| Whitmonday | June 10 |
| Queen's Birthday | August 31 |
| Christmas Day | December 25 |
| Boxing Day | December 26 |

Esso-News

Dr. Joseph Paynter Holt, former associate professor at the University of Louisville, has joined the medical department of the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) as a specialist in



toxicology. He will be responsible for original research in the biological effects of toxic substances. Dr. Holt will also act as consultant and advisor to the company committee which is in charge of the elimination of potential hazards to workers.

With the establishment of this branch of its medical department, Jersey Standard becomes the first oil company to undertake its own work in this field.

Orville Harden, Company director, served during the war years as chairman of the foreign operations committee of Petroleum Administration for War, the government agency that controlled oil supplies almost world-wide.

With the dissolution of the committee December 31 he received from P.A.W.'s deputy director, R. K. Davies, a tribute and thanks for the war responsibilities his group fulfilled.

Robert Price Russel, head of the central technical and research organization of Standard Oil Company (N.J.), has been named to receive the 1946 gold medal of the



American Institute of Chemists. The medal is awarded annually "for noteworthy and outstanding service to the science or the profession of chemist in America."

Mr. Russell, president of Standard Oil Development Company, heads a petroleum research organization that has made major contribution to the development of new processes and new and improved petroleum products.

Some of these achievements resulted in products vital to the war effort. Most important, perhaps, was the fluid catalytic cracking process which made possible enormous increases in the output of 100 octane aviation gasoline. Another project was the development of a process for synthesizing toluene from petroleum. This made it possible to turn out unlimited quantities of toluene for TNT. A third accomplishment was the discovery of a catalytic process for making butadiene from petroleum for synthetic rubber. Mr. Russell's organization guided these and other important processes into large scale production.

Mr. Russel came to Standard from the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1927 and became president of the Development Company in 1944.

John Jeffries, safety supervisor here from 1930 to 1937, returned to Company service January 7 after more than three years with the Navy as a lieutenant in personnel work.

Assistant employee relations manager at Bayonne before the war, he returns to the Company as assistant to the chief safety engineer of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.

The Curaçao Government recently reduced the surtax on gasoline to 25 per cent, thereby lowering the price 3 cents per gallon. The new price to the public is 40 cents per gallon.

PLAN DI BENEFICIO MORTUORIO

Dia 1 di Januari, 1946 un Plan di Beneficio Mortuorio lo drenta na vigor pa tur Empleadonan di Staff y Regular cu tin un of mas anja di servicio cu Compania, si nan muri sin cu nan morto ta causa di un accidente of maleza industrial, mientras cu nan ta den servicio di Compania, of promé cu un anja despues di nan terminación bao di cierto circunstancianan.

Den caso di morto causá pa un accidente of maleza industrial, beneficiarian mortuorio lo worde pagá mescos cu antes segun e Reglamento di Accidente di Curaçao—1936.

E obheto principal di e plan aki ta di presta yudanza financiero na familia di un empleado cu ta muri, sin cu nan morto ta causá pa un accidente of maleza industrial. Aki bao ta sigui e reglanan principal di e plan aki:

BENEFICIONAN MORTUORIO

E plan aki ta duna beneficio na viuda, jioenan of mayornan di e empleado difunto. E cantidad di beneficiarian ta varia entre 3 luna y un anja di ganamento normal di e empleado, segun e cantidad di servicio cu el a presta, manera ta sigui riba e Tabla aki bao:

TABLA DI BENEFICIONAN

| ANJANAN DI SERVICIO | SUMA |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 pero menos cu 2 | 3/12 di ganamento normal anual |
| 2 3 | 4/12 |
| 3 4 | 5/12 |
| 4 5 | 6/12 |
| 5 6 | 7/12 |
| 6 7 | 8/12 |
| 7 8 | 9/12 |
| 8 9 | 10/12 |
| 9 10 | 11/12 |
| 10 anja of mas | 1 anja di ganamento normal |

BENEFICIONAN DEN CASO CU NO TIN BENEFICIARIAN ELEGIBEL

Si no ta existi ningun di e beneficiarian mencioná ora un empleado muri, Compania, den su discreción, por autorizá pago di un suma no mas di Fls. 600 pa gastonan di e ultimo enfermedad di e empleado of ex-empleado, y Fls. 200 pa gastonan di entierro.

DEATH BENEFIT PLAN

A Death Benefit Plan is being provided effective January 1, 1946 for all Staff and Regular Employees who have one or more year's service with the Company, and die of a non-industrial cause while in the service of the Company, or within one year of termination of service under certain circumstances.

In the event of death caused by industrial accident or sickness, death benefits will be paid as in the past in accordance with the Curaçao Accident Regulation—1936.

The primary purpose of this plan is to provide financial assistance to the family of an employee who dies of a non-industrial cause. A brief outline of the plan is as follows:

DEATH BENEFITS

The plan provides benefits for the widow, children, or parents of the deceased employee. The amount of benefits varies from three months to one year's normal earnings according to length of service as shown in the schedule below:

TABLE OF BENEFITS

| YEARS OF SERVICE | AMOUNT |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 but less than 2 | 3/12 of annual normal earnings |
| 2 3 | 4/12 |
| 3 4 | 5/12 |
| 4 5 | 6/12 |
| 5 6 | 7/12 |
| 6 7 | 8/12 |
| 7 8 | 9/12 |
| 8 9 | 10/12 |
| 9 10 | 11/12 |
| 10 years or more | 1 year's normal earnings |

BENEFITS IN CASE OF NO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES

If no beneficiaries named above exist at the time of an employee's death, the Company may, in its discretion, authorize payment in an amount not to exceed Fls. 600 toward the expenses of the last illness of the employee or ex-employee, and Fls. 200 for burial expense.

REVISED ACCIDENT BENEFITS POLICY

Effective January 1, 1946 the Accident Benefits Policy for Staff and Regular Employees has been liberalized to provide additional benefits for employees who lose time from work as a result of industrial injury. The changes in the policy are:

ACCIDENT BENEFITS

During the time lost from work because of industrial accident disability, benefits shall be paid to eligible employees beginning with the first full day of disability at the rate of 100% normal earnings for the first 7 days if treated either in quarters or hospital, and 100% for the next 63 days if treated in quarters and 70% if treated in the hospital. Benefits beyond this period shall continue for a maximum additional period of 42 weeks according to the employee's length of service. These benefits will be paid at the rate of 70% if treated in quarters, and 50% if treated in the hospital. For any disability extending beyond the length of time due in accordance with an employee's length of service, benefits will continue at the rate of 50% normal earnings if treated either in the hospital or quarters.

PERIOD OF BENEFITS

| SERVICE | less than 2 years | 2 - 3 years | 3 - 4 years | 4 - 5 years | 5 - 6 years | 6 - 7 years | 7 - 8 years | 8 - 9 years | 9 - 10 years | 10 - 11 years | 11 years up |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| BENEFIT PERIOD 70 DAYS PLUS | 0 week | 1 weeks | 6 weeks | 11 weeks | 16 weeks | 21 weeks | 26 weeks | 31 weeks | 36 weeks | 41 weeks | 42 weeks |

Amount of benefits payable in accordance with above schedule

| TREATED IN QUARTERS | First 7 days | Next 63 days | Bal. nce of Schedule | Bal. nce Total Period Per Curaçao Accident Reg. |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| | 100% | 100% | 70% | 50% |
| TREATED IN HOSPITAL | 100% | 70% | 50% | 50% |

POLIZÁ REVISÁ DI BENEFICIONAN DI ACCIDENTE

Di dia 1 di Januari, 1946 p'adilanti e Póliza di Beneficianan pa Accidente pa Empleadonan di Staff y Regular lo keda liberalizá pa proporcioná mas beneficio pa empleadonan cu ta perde tempo fo'i trabao pa via di accidente industrial. E cambionan den e Póliza ta sigui:

BENEFICIONAN DI ACCIDENTE

Durante e tempo perdí fo'i trabao pa via di un accidente industrial, beneficiarian lo wordé pagá na e empleadonan eligibel di e promé dia di incapacidad y durante e promé 7 dianan nan lo haya 100% di pago, sea cu nan ta na cas of na hospital y 100% pa e siguiente 63 dianan si nan ta na cas y 70% si nan ta worde tratá den hospital. Beneficio despues di e periodo aki lo sigui te na e maximo di 42 siman segun e cantidad di servicio cu e empleado tin cu Compania. E beneficiarian aki lo worde pagá na 70% si e empleado ta na cas y na 50% si e ta worde trata den hospital. Pa incapacidad cu ta extende despues di e periodo cu ta toca un empleado segun su anjanan di servicio, beneficiarian lo sigui na 50% di su ganamento normal sea cu e empleado ta na cas of na hospital.

PERIODO DI BENEFICIONAN

| SERVICIO | Menos cu 2 años | 2 - 3 años | 3 - 4 años | 4 - 5 años | 5 - 6 años | 6 - 7 años | 7 - 8 años | 8 - 9 años | 9 - 10 años | 10-11 años | 11 años of mas |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|----------------|
| PERIODO DI PAGO 70 DIA I MAS | 0 siman | 1 siman | 6 siman | 11 siman | 16 siman | 21 siman | 26 siman | 31 siman | 36 siman | 41 siman | 42 siman |

Sumanan di beneficio cu mester worde pagá segun e planilla aki riba

| TRATAMENTO NA CAS | Prome 7 dianan | Sigu'ente 63 dianan | Resto di Planilla | Resto di e Total segun Regulacion di Acci. Cur. |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|---|
| | 100% | 100% | 70% | 50% |
| TRATAMENTO NA HOSPITAL | 100% | 70% | 50% | 50% |

REGLAMENTO REVISÁ Ariba PAGO DURANTE ENFERMEDAD

Desde dia 1 di Januari di 1946, e Reglamento ariba Pago durante Enfermedad pa Empleadonan di Staff y Empleadonan Regular a worde cambiá pa duna pago adicional na empleadonan cu ta elegible. Un resumen cortico di e Reglamento nobo aki ta sigui aki 'bao:

PAGO DURANTE ENFERMEDAD

Durante tempo perdí fo'i trabao pa motibo di enfermedad of desgracia cu worde sufrí no na trabao, e empleado

lo ricibi, despues di a worde debidamente certificá como incapaz pa trabao door di Departamento Médico, pago na razon di 50% di su ganamento normal si e ta den hospital di Compania, y 70% di su ganamento normal si e ta worde tratá na cas. E pagonan aki lo worde hací di acuerdo cu e tempo di sirbishi di cada empleado cu un periodo mínimo di 70 dia, y un periodo máximo adicional di 42 siman manera ta worde mostrá den e tabla aki 'bao:

TABLA DI PAGO DURANTE ENFERMEDAD

| SIRBISHI | 12 dia te 2 años | 2 - 3 años | 3 - 4 años | 4 - 5 años | 5 - 6 años | 6 - 7 años | 7 - 8 años | 8 - 9 años | 9 - 10 años | 10 - 11 años | 11 años i mas |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| PERIODO DI PAGO 70 DIAS I MAS | 0 | 1 siman | 6 siman | 11 siman | 16 siman | 21 siman | 26 siman | 31 siman | 36 siman | 41 siman | 42 siman |

Pa empleadonan cu ta worde pagá pa ora lo tin un periodo di spera (waiting period) di tres dia di kalender durante cual e empleado ta certificá como incapaz pa trabao; pago durante enfermedad lo cuminza ariba e di cuater dia. Empleadonan di Staff cu ta gana sueldo

mensual lo ricibi pago completo durante e prome siman di incapacidad sin consideración na e number di dianan durante cual e empleado ta certificá incapaz pa trabao.

AUSENCIA FO'I TRABAO PA ENFERMEDAD (MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE)

Empleadonan cu worde ordená door di Departamento Médico pa bai Curaçao pa un examen médico of tratamiento médico, lo worde duná permiso pa ta ausente fo'i trabao pa motibo di enfermedad (medical leave of absence), y lo worde pagá gasto normal di transportación pa bai y bolbe fo'i Curaçao, y ademas gastonan razonable pa hospedaje na Curaçao i otro gastonan pa e examen médico of diagnosis. Empleadonan cu tin un ganamento normal di Fls. 10.00 of menos pa dia tambe lo ricibi pago pa gastonan razonable pa tratamiento médico.

REVISED SICKNESS BENEFITS POLICY

Effective January 1, 1946 the Sickness Benefits Policy for Staff and Regular Employees has been liberalized to provide additional benefits for eligible employees. This policy is briefly outlined as follows:

SICKNESS BENEFITS

For time lost from work because of sickness or accidental injury not incurred in line of duty the employee

shall, upon proper certification as to disability by the Medical Department, receive benefits of 50% normal earnings if hospitalized, and 70% if treated in quarters or at home. These benefits will be payable according to an employee's length of service with a minimum period of 70 days, and a maximum additional period of 42 weeks as shown in the schedule below:

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

| SERVICE | 12 days to 2 years | 2 - 3 years | 3 - 4 years | 4 - 5 years | 5 - 6 years | 6 - 7 years | 7 - 8 years | 8 - 9 years | 9 - 10 years | 10 - 11 years | 11 years up |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| BENEFIT PERIOD 70 DAYS PLUS | 0 week | 1 weeks | 6 weeks | 11 weeks | 16 weeks | 21 weeks | 26 weeks | 31 weeks | 36 weeks | 41 weeks | 42 weeks |

The waiting period for hourly-paid employees will be three calendar days of certified disability, with benefits commencing on the fourth day. Monthly-paid Staff Employees shall receive full pay for the first week of disability irrespective of the number of days of certified disability involved.

MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Employees who are instructed by the Medical Department to report to Curaçao for medical examination or treatment shall be granted a medical leave of absence, and shall receive normal transportation expenses to and from Curaçao, also reasonable living and other expenses for examination in diagnosis. Employees whose daily rate of pay is Fls. 10.00 or less will also receive reasonable expenses for medical treatment.

All details of these policies are administered by the Annuities and Benefits division of the Personnel Department, and any questions should be referred to them.

Tur detaljenan di e reglamentonan aki riba ta worde administrá door di "Annuities & Benefits division" di Departamento di Personnel, y cualkier informacion acerca tal asunto mester worde referi na e oficina ey.

Utilities New Champs

Medals Given Winners And Runners-Up After Colony Service Falls 4-0

The Utilities team won the Sport Park football championship January 20, defeating by 4 to 0 a game but outclassed Colony Service Administration team. The big football trophy goes into Utilities' possession for the next year with their name engraved under the previous winners', the Acid Plant.

After Industrial Relations Manager B. Teagle started proceedings with the first kick, Utilities set their cap for victory early in the game with two scores. After this the Colony Service defense tightened up and held the champs for the rest of the half, though the score nearly went up again when a Utilities kick hit the crossbar but bounced away.

The second half was a repetition of the first only more so: the losers never found the form that had put them in the finals, while the winners were attacking continuously. The score could easily have been higher except for some first-rate stops by hard-working John Wilson, the C. S. keeper. (On the other hand the Utilities keeper, Gregorio Franken, had one of the easiest afternoons of his career).

After the game the crowd gathered round while General Manager L. G. Smith presented trophies. Captain Franken accepted the championship trophy, after which a gold medal was presented to each member of the winning team, and a silver medal to each of the runners-up.

A new feature of this tournament was the selection, by a jury of spectators, referees, and the Steering Committee, of the four most valuable players in the league outside of the first and second teams. (These were chosen, not only on the basis of exceptional skill, but on playing all games with their teams, since the best player in the world is not valuable if he isn't on the field). The men who received valuable-player medals were Raimundo Kemp of Machinists, Higinio Jansen of L.O.F., Jose Paulino of Commissaries, and Andrew Sjaw-A-Kian of Personnel.

The Steering Committee that organized and carried on the league included Edney Huckleman, Gordon Ollivierre, George Lawrence, Bipat Chand, Mario Croes, and Joaquin Maduro.

Baseball Medals Presented

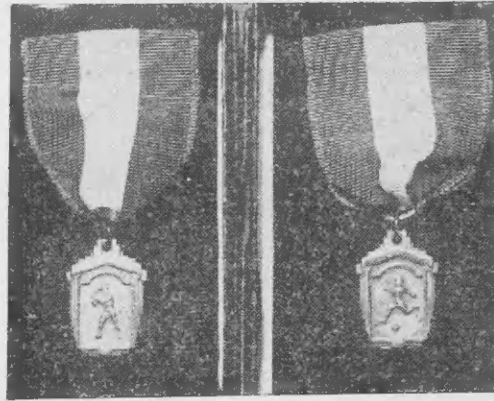
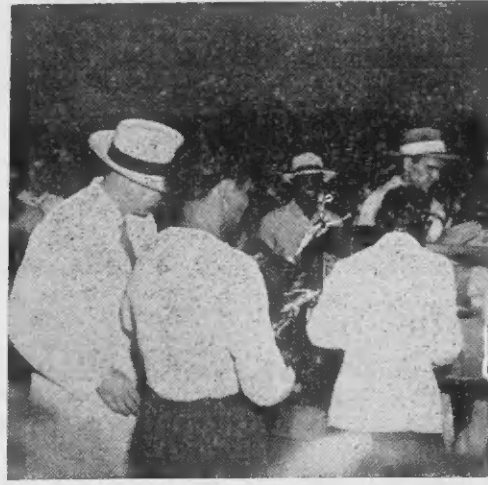
A fair-sized crowd at the Lago Sport Park witnessed some post season baseball on January 20. A five inning exhibition game was played between what is left on Aruba of the championship Savaneta Stars team, which was composed of men of the U. S. Army, and the second place San Lucas team.



The game was slow to watch with the Stars picking up five runs in the first inning and coasting from there on in. San Lucas threatened several times but never quite managed to pull up even and it ended with Savaneta winning 5 to 3.

Following the game was the presentation of medals to the members of the first and second place teams by L. G. Smith. Due to recent discharges and transfers the complete Army team was not present and Captain John Maxwell of Savaneta Camp accepted the medals in behalf of the absent men to be forwarded to them. In the picture, a San Lucas player accepts from Mr. Smith one of the silver medals that went to each member of the second-place team.

SAFETY PAYS
Seguridad ta lo Miho



Miembronan di Teamnan ta Haya Medaljanan Despues cu Team di Utilities a Gana cu 4-0

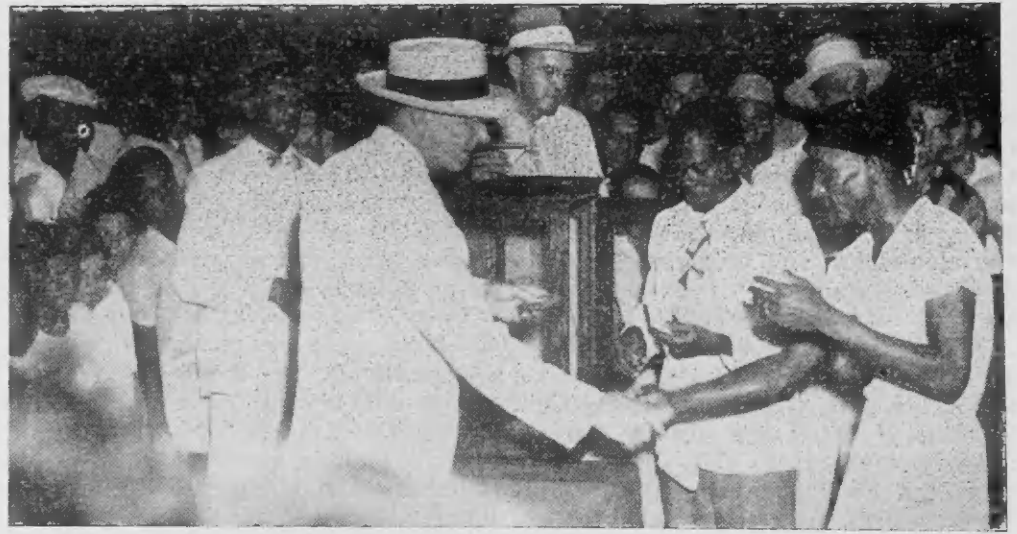
E team di Utilities a gana campeonato di Sport Park Futbol dia 20 di Januari, batiendo e team di Colony Service Administration cu 4 pa 0 den un wega masha fuerte hungá. E trofeo grandi di futbol ta keda den posesión di Utilities durante e anja aki, y nan nomber ta grabá bao di nomber di e promé ganadornan, esta Acid Plant.

Despues cu Gerente die Relacionnan Industrial, B. Teagle a cuminzá e wega sacando e promé bala, Utilities a cuminzá haci tur posibel y a pasa dos goal unbez. Despues di esaki e defensa di C. S. a drecha y nan a wanta e championnan durante resto di promé half, pero toch Utilities a hera pasa un goal ora cu e bala a dal contra e palo di goal, pero a bolbe p'atras.

E segundo half tabata repitición di e promé, pero mas fuerte; Colony Service no por a haya e samenspel cu a trecé asina leeuw, mientras cu Utilities tabata atacá continuamente. Nan lo por a pasa mas goal, si no tabata pa John Wilson, e keeper di C. S., cu a wanta algun bala masha bon. (Di otro banda, e keeper di Utilities, Gregorio Franken, tabatin un merdia de lo mas sosegá).

Despues di wega tur hende a bini hunto y Gerente General L. G. Smith a presentá trofeonan. Captain Franken a acceptá trofeo di campeonato y djei cada miembro di e team cu a sali ganá a haya un medalja di oro y e miembronan di e segundo team a haya medalja di plata.

Algo nobo di e tournament aki tabata e selecció di e 4 mihor hungadornan di cada team, escogí pa mironesnan, refereeenan y e Comité di Dirrección. (E



Riba e portret mas ariba den di 2 kolom, Captain Gregorio Franken di Utilities a kaba di acceptá e trofeo di campeonato di futbol for di Gerente General L. G. Smith. Ariba, Arnold Juri di Colony Service Administration ta haya un di e medaljanan di plata cu cada miembro di e segundo team a haya. Na banda drechi Raimundo Kemp di Machinists ta haya e promé di e premionan cu tabatin pa e cuater mihor hungadornan. Aki bao, portretnan saká durante wega ta muestra con fuerte e tabata. Na banda robes nos ta mira un portret di e medaljanan cu lo denotá superioridad riba veld di baseball y futbol durante e temporada aki.

In the picture at top of column 2, Captain Gregorio Franken of Utilities has just accepted the championship football trophy from General Manager L. G. Smith. Above, Captain Arnold Juri of the Colony Service Administration squad gets one of the silver medals that went to each member of the second-place team. At right, Raimundo Kemp of the Machinists receives the first of four awards that went to "most valuable players". Below, action shots prove that the game was hard-fought. At left is a picture of the medals that recognize superiority on the baseball and football fields during this season.



mihor hungadornan no ke meen esnan cu conocé e wega mihor sô, ma tambe nan a paga tino riba esnan cu a hunga tur weganan cu nan team, pues e mihor hungador di mundo no tin ningun valor si e no ta riba veld). Esnan cu a ricibi e medaljanan aki ta Raimundo Kemp di Machinists, Higinio Jansen di L.O.F., Jose Paulino di Commissary y Andrew Sjaw-A-Kian di Personnel.

E Comité di Dirección tabata consistí di Edney Huckleman, Gordon Ollivierre, George Lawrence, Bipat Chand, Mario Croes y Joaquin Maduro.

It was a g'im day at the Jr. Club field as the Wildcats clawed the Hornets into submission to the tune of 10 to 4 in an exhibition basketball game January 19. The 11 and 12-years olds are taking to the new game like ducks to water and have already shown great aptitude as future basketballers. Frantic efforts to grab that ball are seen in the picture. At right is recreation supervisor Paul Gordon. The Wildcats, managed by Murray Jennings, were Sam Evans, Gleb Aulow, Tubby Schmidt, Jack Pakozdi, Robert Gladman, and David Barnes. The Hornets were Jim Rosborough, Al Leak Jr., Donald Grey, John Wade, Neil Carroll and Neil Ray, with Duke Richie managing them. Timekeeping was done by Bah Burbage and the scorebook was kept by Tinker Baggaley.

Here and There

Joy was added to the Christmas holidays of more than 50 Esso families on Christmas morning as servicemen and women in Europe and the Pacific talked with relatives at home through a two-way radio broadcast sponsored by Standard Oil (N.J.) for employees of the Company and affiliates. More than 100 relatives heard from 58 members of the overseas armed forces in the 90 minute-long program.

Destined to relieve and prevent suffering among overseas Standard employees this winter were the clothes gathered as a result of a Company-wide clothing drive during this past fall.

More than 36,000 pounds of clothing were donated by employees of the Jersey company and its affiliates for the relief of personnel in France, Holland, Belgium, Norway and Finland.

Company employees abroad are not eligible for relief of the type provided by the nation-wide drives for displaced persons, since they remained at their homes during the enemy occupation.

In addition to the clothing, as a Christmas gift to employees of affiliated companies in these countries, Jersey Standard shipped 7,000 individual food packages containing the most needed and unobtainable foodstuffs.

John Pandellis, former instructor in the Training Division and now a Curaçao resident, had an exhibition of his paintings in the Culture Center there last month.

Sixty of his works were shown, including oils, watercolors, and pastels. Forming part of the show were many paintings done during his years in Aruba.

Rafael Martinez of the Drydock is scheduled to leave next week on long vacation in Venezuela.

SERVICE SLANTS

A recent press release from the military government public relations office in Korea discloses the fact that Corporal George Potts, former assistant operator on the Pressure Stills, is in Seoul, Korea, serving in the electric and chemical section of the Bureau of Industry and Mining.

After leaving Aruba in July, 1944, he served at Camp Wolters, Texas, and later with the Signal Corps at Ft. Sam Houston and also at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Cpl. Potts was promoted to his present grade in August, 1945. He has one battle star in his Asiatic-Pacific ribbon for his participation in the Okinawa campaign.

Cpl. Harold Harms, who was in the Pipe Department until the time he left the Company to enter the U. S. Army in May 1945, writes his father Mario Harms of the Boiler Shop that he is keeping up his sports activities while with the

Army. Harold's team won the Post basket-ball championship recently. He is with the 267th M. P. Company in Porto Rico.

Home with his family again, and relating his experiences as a member of the famous U. S. Fifth Armored Division, is Guy Permaul, a former Lago employee. Guy came back to his home in British Guiana recently, and had the distinction of being the first in the area to tell his story to the press.

The clipping received here men-



tions that he saw action in the Huertgen forest and describes some of his experiences in the Division's approach to the Elbe river. Among his assignments was the guarding of a concentration camp in Nordhausen in central Germany, where he learned that the stories about the atrocities were true.

Guy's story included an account of a narrow escape he had during an advance on the city of Luchow. His outfit was moving through a heavily mined area and ran into a cleverly concealed ambush. Guy's driver was hit and four men were killed nearby. Permaul narrowly escaped death himself, when a bullet hit a piece of steel directly in front of him and shattered it to bits. None of the fragments hit him, however, and he was lucky enough to finish the war unhurt.

Guy was discharged and returned to his home in British Guiana on November 18. He planned to spend Christmas with his family, after which he was to return to the U.S.A.

Another former Lagoite in Korea is Cpl. James D. Haase of the Seventh Infantry Division. He is there on occupation duty in Seoul.

Cpl. Haase served with the Seventh Division in the battles of the Philippines and Okinawa, and was among the first troops to arrive in Korea for duty there. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Haase of Lago Colony.

Scouts See Sights of Colombia During Holiday Camping Trip

Celebrating the holiday season in fine style 25 of Aruba's Boy Scouts, led by Camp Chief Gordon Ollivierre of Electrical, sailed on a camping trip to Colombia for 17 days, seeing the sights as they went, and arrived back in Aruba on January 6.

Upon their arrival in Santa Marta, Colombia, the Scouts were met and sponsored by Dr. Victor Pecheco Laborde, who had arranged for them to stay at the Military School there.

The boys were greeted warmly by the Colombians who seemed to be greatly interested in Scouting and asked many questions concerning its function in Aruba.

After a short stay in Santa Marta the boys went on a trip up the Sierra Nevada as guests of the Colombian Army Officer's Club. The Scouts were greatly impressed with the greenness of the countryside and the increasing chilliness of the air as they rose higher into the mountains. Remarkable to them too, were the icy, freshwater, mountain streams where they took swims from time to time.

Coming down from the mountains, the tourists travelled to Barranquilla where they called on the Governor, who was also a Scouting enthusiast. While in Barranquilla they were given quarters at the Escuela Normal, the use of which was provided them by the Minister of Education.

The tour ended with a short trip to Cartagena where the Scouts were shown the Shrine of Simon Bolivar.

The Lagoites who made the trip were A. Thyssen, L. Henriquez, L. Anthony, A. Pena, E. Brown, D. Morgan, D. Burgin, V. Bonnet, E. Tyson, F. Tromp, F. J. Tromp, H. Ponson, V. Morgan, M. Lake, B. Quow, A. Rafini, A. Job, N. Peterson, A. Brown, F. Ritveld, A. Tappin, and G. Ollivierre.

Howls of anguish can almost be heard as Scouts shiver in the icy water of one of the many freshwater mountain streams encountered in the course of their excursion in the Sierra Nevada while in Colombia in a less rollicking mood they are seen below grouped about the base of a statue of Simon Bolivar the Great Liberator. Curiosity overcame the newsboy at the right and he wandered into the picture, perhaps wishing he were a Scout.

Casi bo por tende gritonan di e Padvindernan, temblando den awa frie di un di e chorrianan di awa fresco cu ta brota for di ceronan, durante nan excursien den Sierra Nevada na Colombia. Aki bao nos ta mira e grupo un poco mas serio na pia di un estatua di Simon Bolivar, El Gran Libertador. Na banda drechi, un joven bendedor di corant a haci cos di nieuws-kier te cu el a sali riba e portret. Quizas e tambe lo tin deseo di hira Padvinder.



From student to teacher -

After graduating from the Company's course in stenography in 1941, Bernard Marquis of the Marine Department got the teaching urge. He is now the proud possessor of a Teacher's Certificate which he received late last year as a result of passing the Gregg School's Teacher's course in stenography. He is teaching in the Benevolent Improvement Association's school in San Nicolas.



THEN . . .

Twenty years can change the face of anything, and Oranjestad is no exception. In the picture above, resurrected from an old album by Mario Arends of Accounting, the present main street, Nassaustraata, is shown as it was just before 1925. Oranjestad then was a town of dirt streets, kerosene streetlights, and very little business. Twenty years later (below) it is a thriving city with paved streets and sidewalks, electricity, new buildings, banks, airlines, and dozens of big and little businesses. (The boy crouched in front of the house at left in the old picture is Casper Wever, now Marine cashier; the house has been in his family for 40 years. The boy standing is his cousin Joseph Wever, now an employee on the stills).

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Binti anja ta trece cambio den tur cos, y Oranjestad no ta un excepción. E portret mas ariba cu a sali foi'i un album bieuw di Mario Arends di Accounting, ta un bista di Nassaustraata, manera e tabata net prome cu 1925. E tempo ey Oranjestad tabata un stad cu cayanan di lodo, lanternenan di kerosene y masha poco negoshi. Binti anja despues riba e portret mas abao nos ta mira Oranjestad como un stad yen di progreso cu cayanan y aceranan trahá, electricidad, edificionan nobo, banconan, vianan aéreo y hopi negoshi grandi y chikito. (E mucha-homber gebuk dilanti di e cas na banda robez riba e portret bieuw ta Casper Wever, cu awor ta cahero na Marine Department; e cas ta di e famia Wever mas cu 40 anja. E mucha-homber pará ta su primo Joseph Wever, cu awor ta un empleado na stills.



Wedding bells chimed for Todd Perrotte of Hydro-Alky and Linda Lott on January 16 at the Methodist Church in San Nicolas. Todd's fellow employees gave him a cash gift as a wedding present.

In the last issue, 24-year-old Simon Dirksz was reported as one of the youngest employees ever to get a ten-year service emblem. Not to be outdone, the Storehouse comes forward with Pablo Henriquez, who received his button in July, 1945, shortly after passing his twenty-third birthday.

It seems unlikely that any 12-year-olds have ever been on the payroll, but if any department can lower the record of 23, the News wants to hear about it.

Employees of the field machinists group and Central Tool Room extended "best wishes" last month to Assistant General Foreman Howard Lambertson on his marriage January 7 to Miss Elizabeth Bree of Newark, New Jersey.

Coprá Harold Harms, cu tabata traha den Pipe Department te ora cu el a kita pa e drenta Ehército Americano na Mei di 1945, ta skirbi su tata Mario Harms di Boiler Shop, cu e ta sigue cu actividadnan di Sport mientras cu e ta den Ehército. E team cu Harold ta den a gana campeonato di Post di basketball recientemente. Harold ta pertenecé na Compagnie 267 MP na Porto Rico.

Den último número di Esso News, nos tabatin Simon Dirksz cu a haya su boton di 10 anja di sirbishi cu su 24 anja. E biaha aki Storehouse ta aparece cu Pablo Henriquez cu a haya su boton na Juli di 1945, un poco despues cu el a cumpli su 23 anja.

No ta probable cu tabatin mucha di 12 anja riba Payroll nunca, pero si tin un di menos cu 23 anja cu tin boton di sirbishi. Esso News lo gusta di tende di dje.

Joseph Butts of M. & C. Administration went to Trinidad for a short leave on January 16 to place his six year old daughter Annette in Bishops High School there.

The Colony Service Office said goodbye to Pedro Court on January 24. Pedro left for Caracas where he is thinking of setting up his own business. He came to Lago in 1932 and all of his work for the Company was done in the Colony Service Department.

Colony Operations employees presented him with gifts of a gold watch, a travelling wallet, and a farewell scroll.

Word comes to Aruba that Carl La Corbiniere and Kenneth Bender, who worked until 1939 at the Hospital, are now studying medicine in England. These men were the first to leave the Company to volunteer in the British Army at the beginning of the war.